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25 OCT 1961  
HONORABLE CLARENCE CANNON  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cannon:

May I express the deepest appreciation for your recent letter commenting on my forthcoming retirement. Your most kind remarks concerning my services for the Government touch me deeply and I consider your views one of the rewards of public service.

Over the years you and your Committee have been a tower of strength in assisting and guiding the Agency in its difficult tasks. Certainly, fulfilling my responsibilities as Director of Central Intelligence has been made easier through your understanding and cooperation, and for this I am most grateful.

Again my sincere thanks for your gracious comments.

Sincerely,

*Allen W. Dulles*  
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Director

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